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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2005, Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to extend the period of response to May 18, 2006. Applicant is concurrently filing herewith a request for continued examination (RCE) and kindly requests amendment of the above application as specified in the following pages

No amendments to the specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.